

**LABOR and PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE
HEARING FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

TESTIMONY for SB - 181

SENATOR PRAGUE REPRESENTATIVE ZALASKI AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE
TODAY. MY NAME IS CAMERON CHAMPLIN AND I REPRESENT PLUMBERS AND
PIPE FITTERS LOCAL UNION 777. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF BILL
NUMBER SB - 181. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY BUSINESS ORGANIZATION THAT
RECEIVES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH IS A GIFT SINCE IT DOES NOT HAVE
TO BE REPAID, FROM ANY AGENCY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO THE
STANDARDS WHICH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HAS IN PLACE TO ENSURE
THAT OUR CITIZENS RECEIVE FAIR WAGES AND BENEFITS. WE ARE SURE THAT
NOBODY WISHES TO ATTRACT COMPANIES THAT DO NOT SUPPORT OR WISH TO
MEET THESE STANDARDS.

ONE OF CONNECTICUT'S GREATEST ASSETS IS ITS WELL TRAINED AND
PRODUCTIVE WORK FORCE. IN ORDER TO SURVIVE BUSINESSES NEED PATRONS.
IF A PERSON DOESN'T EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO HAVE SOME EXPENDABLE
INCOME THEY CAN'T SUPPORT THOSE LOCAL BUSINESSES. IT IS THE DUTY OF
THIS LEGISLATURE TO PROMOTE GOOD WAGES AND BENEFITS SO THAT OUR
CITIZENS CAN PATRONIZE THE VARIOUS BUSINESSES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES
AND IMPROVE OUR ECONOMY.

IF A COMPANY WANTS TO PAY SUBSTANDARD WAGES AND BENEFITS IT PROVES
THAT THEIR EMPLOYEES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO HAVING TO APPLY FOR STATE
AID. WE DON'T WANT TO SEE OUR ALREADY OVERLOADED AGENCIES TO HAVE
TO SUBSIDIZE ANY EMPLOYEE OF A COMPANY THAT WE ENTICED TO OPERATE
HERE WITH OUR TAX PAYER DOLLARS.

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**THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING MY TESTIMONY. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT ME BY CELL (860) 287-0020 FAX/PHONE OR EMAIL camc@att.net.**